INCREASE IN THE QUOTA OF DENATURED SPIRIT IN BELGAUM.

122. Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the names of the denatured spirit licencees in Belgaum District and the quota allotted to each per month since 1967 onwards;

(*b*) the names of these licencees who had applied for the increase in their monthly quota of denatured spirit during 1973-74;

(*c*) the extent of increase granted to each of these applicants?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The particulars are given in Statement No. I. placed on the Table of the House.*

(*b*) The particulars are given in Statement No. II. placed on the Table of the House.*

(*c*) In two cases their quota has been increased from 100 to 500 litres in one case and 150 to 300 litres in another case.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—To my question (c) you have stated that in two cases their quota has been increased from 100 to 500 litres in one case and 150 to 300 litres in another case. But, according to my information, the increase to these two persons—more than 300 litres for one, another more than 700 litres. May I know the names of these two persons.

†Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—One is Diamond Photo frame works and Patravali Woodcrafts. These are the two cases.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—According to me the quota has been increased to Mr. Shaik by 700 litres and for Mr. Mandgi by 3000 litres in the year 1973-74. May I know what is the reason for it?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Here, what has been given to Mr. Shaik is mentioned. From last year's 1303 litres it has been increased to 2000 litres in the case of Mr. Mandgi.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Upto 1972 the quota was reduced by 75 per cent. In the year 1966 the quota was reduced by 50 per cent. What was the reason to increase the quota for 1973-74 by 700 litres to Mr. Shaik and 3,000 litres to Mr. Mandgi?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I am not having that information ready. But, it is Deputy Commissioner's authority to issue this quota and licence. In case there is any lacuna in issuing or he has favoured

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somebody, it is also appealable. I don't know anybody has gone in appeal when such thing was noticed. If the hon. Member is very particular about, it, I will ask the Commissioner to find out the reasons from the Deputy Commissioner for doing so.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—All licence quotas have been reduced. But, in the case only those two persons since they belong to the Congress Party, the quota has been increased. I want to know the reasons for that.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—There is a big list. If there is any discrimination, there is provision for appeal. My point is that Government do not really interfere in the affairs of the Deputy Commissioner who has to exercise his powers within his jurisdiction. I do not know even whether they belong to Congress or M. E. S. group.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—I have sent a telegram last month stating that the Deputy Commissioner is transferred and there is mischief going on in the D.Cs office and the Hon. Chief Minister has sent a reply to me that he is going to send the Excise Commissioner and make an enquiry. Uptill now the enquiry is not made. May I know the reasons therefor ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I have taken action. I have asked the Excise Commissioner to investigate the matter and he has been doing it. Again I repeat that these are all cases wherein even the Excise Commissioner or anybody cannot interfere.

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QUESTION FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY BUT NOT TAKEN UP

Cultivation of Government Reserve Land

30. Sri P. D. BANGERA (Sullia).—

Will the Minister for Food and Forests be pleased to state :—

whether the Government have thought of cultivating the thousands of acres of land classified as Government reserve land and which is under the Forest Department, in which no trees are grown and where paddy and other food crops could be grown by providing irrigation facilities on co-operative cultivation system ?

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forest).—

There is no such proposal.